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BELGRADE FOR USDEL CSCE

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SUBJ: BELGRADE FOLLOW-UP MEETING ISSUES

1. SUMMARY: POL/ECOUNS CALLED ON HANSJORG RENK, DEP CHIEF, SECRETARIAT OF THE FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPT, JAN 11 TO OBTAIN SWISS VIEWS BELGRADE CONF PRIOR RESUMPTION NEXT WEEK. SWISS STILL PUSHING PROPOSAL EXPERT GROUP ON INFORMATION, RIGHTS OF NEWS-MEN, ETC. MAJOR CONCERN REMAINS: TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM; BUT SWISS PREFER USING MORE WORKING GROUPS, RATHER THAN EARLY DATE FURTHER CSCE FOLLOW-UP MEETING; SWISS BELIEVE TWO YEARS TOO SHORT, PREFER THREE WITH NEXT MEETING DATE LATE 1981. END SUMMARY.

2. SWISS (RENK AND BRUNNER, LATTER PRESENT DURING PART OF MEETING) SAID THEY MOST GRATEFUL USDEL FOR KEEPING IN CLOSE CONTACT ON BELGRADE ISSUES.

3. SWISS SUPPORT US POSITION ON CONCLUDING DOCUMENTS LANGUAGE ON BASKETS II AND III; REAFFIRMATION PRINCIPLES ESSENTIAL, AND NOTHING SHOULD BE INCLUDED WHICH IN ANY WAY IMPINGES ON FINAL ACT LANGUAGE OR  
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APPEARS TO LIMIT IT BY INTERPRETATION. THEY WOULD BE WILLING SETTLE FOR INCLUSION REAFFIRMATION IN PREAMBLE IF OTHERS WILL NOT AGREE TO INCORPORATION IN OPERATIONAL PART OF DOCUMENT.

4. SWISS ARE STILL PUSHING THEIR PROPOSAL FOR EXPERT GROUP ON EXCHANGE OF INFO AND RIGHTS

OF JOURNALISTS, AND WILL CONTINUE PRESSING FOR US SUPPORT.

5. THEY ARE WILLING TO SEE SEVERAL EXPERT GROUPS SET UP AND PROFESS NOT TO UNDERSTAND US RESISTANCE TO THIS, WHICH THEY CONSIDER GOOD WAY TO KEEP UP MOMENTUM. THEY BELIEVE WEST HAS LITTLE TO FEAR, SINCE IT WOULD HAVE LARGE MAJORITY, ANY AGREEMENTS WOULD HAVE TO BE BY CONSENSUS, INCLUDING AGREEMENT ON MANDATE.

6. SWISS SUPPORT FOR NEUTRALS' PROPOSAL ON CBM'S IS LUKEWARM, BUT WILL CONTINUE. THEY WOULD PREFER PLACE EMPHASIS ON IMPROVEMENT CURRENT CBM'S AND RECOGNIZE PROBLEMS FOR WEST IN SOVIET PROPOSAL. GAVE IMPRESSION THEY WOULD ACCEPT LANGUAGE IN CONCLUDING DOCUMENT THAT WOULD CONTAIN NO COMMITMENT TO CEILINGS BUT WOULD NONETHELESS GIVE SOME RECOGNITION TO VALUE OF SOVIET PROPOSAL.

7. SWISS BELIEVE TWO YEARS BETWEEN FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS GIVE INSUFFICIENT TIME FOR MEASURABLE PROGRESS TO BE MADE. THEY PREFER LATE 1981 FOR NEXT MEETING. THEY HAVE NO POSITION ON SITE.  
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